GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 923 Dated: 26-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB vide letter C.No.42/DES-VKI/2020-S.9, dt.19.01.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB vide letter RC.No.42/DES-VKI/2020-S.9, dt.05.07.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.287, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:26.08.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for indulging in corrupt practices while discharging his duties while Surprise Check was conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHOWTAPALLI SRINU, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, VALLURUPALEM VILLAGE, THOTLAVALLURU MANDAL

That Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, S/o Balaswamy (herein after referred as Government Servant) worked as Village Revenue Officer at Vallurupalem Village, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal since 05.05.2018. While working as Village Revenue Officer at Vallurupalem Village, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal during the period from 05.05.2018 to 24.01.2020 he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:-

That Sri Chowtapalli Srinu kept an unaccounted amount of Rs. 580/- with him and failed to account for it.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer at Vallurupalem Village, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant violated Rule 9(8A) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CHOWTAPALLI SRINU, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, VALLURUPALEM VILLAGE, THOTLAVALLURU MANDAL

That Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, S/o Balaswamy worked as Village Revenue Officer at Vallurupalem Village, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal. His date of birth is 30.03.1978. He entered into Government service on 26.02.2014 as Village Revenue Officer. His basic pay is Rs. 16,870/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2038. He is here-in-after referred as Government Servant or GS.

CHARGE-I:-

That Sri Chowtapalli Srinu kept an unaccounted amount of Rs. 580/- with him and failed to account for it.

Facts and Evidence:-

This is proved from the following evidence.

The Inspector requested the Tahsildar about the personal cash register, he stated that he has not been maintaining personal cash register in the office. When the Inspector requested the Tahsildar and his staff to produce the cash available with them when conduct Surprise Check at O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru on 24.01.2020. On the request of the Inspector, ACB they voluntarily produced the following amounts before the Inspector and the particulars are mentioned in the following table.

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE	DESIGNATION	PHYSICAL CASH FOUND
1	Katta Venkata Sivaiah	Tahsildar	100-00
2	Vemuri Sai Mahesh Babu	Dy. Tahsildar	1580-00
3	Pulivarthy Ravi Kishore	Revenue Inspector	720-00
4	Vinjamuri Marry Prema Jyoti	Asst. Statistical Officer	4360-00
5	Kongithala Siva Rama Krishna	Jr. Asst.	100-00
6	Dasi Srinivasa Rao	VRO, Iluru Village	340-00
7	Kantra Veera Swamy	VRO, Chagantipadu	14,130-00
8	Chowtapalli Srinu	VRO, Vallurupalem	580-00
9	Katuri Bhasawarao	VRO, Penamakuru	7140-00
10	Mohammad Asadulla	Pamulalanka Gr-II VRO	760-00
11	Pasupuleti Siva Leela	VRA, Royyuru	--
12	Kethavathu Siva Nagamani	VRA, Computer	--

		Operator	
13	Valluri Kiran Kumar	VRA, South Valluru	100-00
14	Prabala Gangadhar Sastry	Office Sub-ordinate	5170-00
15	Ede Ravindra Babu	Out Sourcing computer operator	3,950-00
	Total		**39,030-00**

The Inspector seized the cash of Rs. 39,030/- and after verification the above cash was returned to the concerned under proper acknowledgement. It came to notice that there is no practice of maintaining the Attendance register and Cash Declaration Register in the office.

During the course of enquiry, the Inspector, ACB examined Smt. Motakatla Kusuma Kumari, W/o Sidde Chandra Sekhar, Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District.

On examination she stated that as per G.O.Ms.No.200, G.A (Ser.C) Dept, dt.26.0.2007 it is obligatory to declare personal cash by the Government Employees at the time of reporting to duty if in excess of Rs.500/-. In this case the name of employees mentioned at Sl. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 have possessed the cash in excess of Rs.500/-.

Hence, the Government Servant Sri Chowtapalli Srinu kept an unaccounted amount of Rs. 580/- with him and failed to account for it.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Chowtapalli Srinu, Village Revenue Officer at Vallurupalem Village, O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant violated Rule 9(8A) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - III

ORAL EVIDENCE

The following oral evidence is available on record.

S. No.	Name and address of witness	Gist of the statement
1.	Sri Ponna Satyanarayana S/o Late Venkaiah 49 Years, Deputy Asst. Commissioner (State Tax), Gudivada Circle O/o Asst. Commissioner, Gudivada Circle, Gudivada R/o Door No.76-16-184, Ekalaya Nagar, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. 9989334629. (Mediator-1)	Both the mediators who witnessed the surprise check held on 24.01.2020 at O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru. They speak about the facts of mediators report and etc., facts.
2.	Sri Katta Srinivasa Rao S/o Pedavenkata Swamy, 45 Years, Senior Asst. O/o Asst. Commissioner, Gudivada Circle, Gudivada R/o Door No.58-4-6A, P.S Rao Residency, Patamata, Vijayawada 9440923629. (Mediator-2)	
3.	Smt. Motakatla Kusuma Kumari, W/o Sidde Chandra Sekhar, Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Krishna District, R/o Flat No. 403, C-Block, Samrudhi Nexa, Tadepalli, Guntur District. 9849904000, 9492921532.	On examination she stated that she is working as Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru since 08.06.2023. Further she stated that, during the surprise check conducted on 24.01.2020 in the Office of Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru in the presence of Mediators, mentioned irregularities found by the ACB Authorities, whose responsible for the said irregularity and etc facts.
4.	Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, the then Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about the Surprise check conducted over the O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru on 24.01.2020. Further obtained replies from O/o Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru and etc facts.
5.	Sri A.V.Siva Kumar, Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about conducting further enquiry, recorded the statement of the Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru and etc facts.

6.	Sri G.V.V. Satyanarayana, Inspector-II, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	Speaks about preparing of Draft Articles of Charge against the SO and etc facts.

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ANNEXURE - IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The following documentary evidence is available on record.

S. No.	Name of document	Gist of the statement
1.	Surprise check proceedings dt. 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Thotlavalluru Mandal, Thotlavalluru.	It proves that staff of O/o Tahsildar possess excess cash, seizure of documents, registers, non-maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and finding other deviations etc.
2.	Copy of GO. Ms. No. 200 GA (SER-C) Department, Dt. 26.03.2007 of Govt. of AP.	It reveals that the Govt. directed all employees of all the Depts. to declare the personal cash at the time reporting to duty in excess of Rs. 500/-.

If any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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